(d) the number of Indian labourers died in foreign countries during last three years and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Backward regions grant fund

†1867. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 250 districts have been identified as the most backward districts in the country;

(b) if not, the actual number thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that development work is done through Backward Regions Grants Fund meant for development in these districts;

(d) if so, total amount allocated to this ftind in the years, 2004-05,2005-06, and 2006-07 separately; and

(e) the actual amount provided during above said years, year-wise

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yer, Sir, The list of 250 districts is given in the enclosed Statement-I *{See* below). The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme was launched in the financial year 2006-07.147 of these districts were covered under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY), which had been in operation since the fmancial year 2003-04 and has been subsumed into the BRGF programme in 2006-07.

(c) The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) programme is one of the several development programmes administered by the Central Ministries aimed at local development. However, it has two main distinguishing features, one, that the programme provides united funds which can be used for gap filling in any of the sectors and, two that the Panchayats and Municipalthes are the planning and implementing units of the programme.

(d) and (e) The districts covered under the RSVY are entitled to a total allocation of Rs. 45 crore in six instalments @ two instalments per year. Many of the districts did not claim their total instalments in each year. An amount of Rs. 1241.08 crore and Rs. 1210.74 crore was released to RSVY districts during the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively. During 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 1925 crore was allocated to the BRGF progranime at the stage of the Revised Estimates. Out of this allocation, Rs. 1818 crore was released to the erstwhile RSVY districts, Rs. 86.56 crore was released for capacity building of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Rs. 20 crore was released as development grant to districts under BRGF. Details of the releases made under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) and the BRGF programme during the years 2004-05 to 2006-07 and till date are given in the Statement-II.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement -1

Backward Region Grant Fund-List of Districts

Andhra Pradesh

1 Adilabad	2 Anantpur	3 Chittoor	4 Cuddappah
5 Karimnagar	6 Khammam	7 Mahbubnagar	8 Medak
9 Nalgonda	10 Nizamabad	11 Rangareddy	12 Vizianagaram
13 Warangal			

Arunachal Pradesh

1	Upper Subansiri

Assam

1 Barpeta	2 Bongaigaon	3 Cachar	4 Dhemaji
S Goalpara	6 Hallakandi	7 Karbi Anglong	8 Kokrajhar
9 Marigaon	10 North Lakhimpur (Laksha)	11 North Cachar Hills	.

Bihar

1 Araria	2 Aurangabad	3 Banka	4 Begusarai
5 Bhagalpur	6 Bhojpur	7 Buxar	8 Darbhanga
9 Gaya	10 Gopalganj	11 Jamui	12 Jehanabad
13 Kaimur/Bhabua	14 Katihar	15 Kishanganj	16 Khagaria
17 Lakhisarai	18 Madhepura	19 Madhubani	20 Munger
21 Muzzarffarpur	22 Nalanda	23 Nawadah	24 Patna
25 Pashchim Champaran	26 Purba Champaran	27 Pumia	28 Rohtas
29 Saharsa	30 Samastipur	31 Saran	32 Sheikhpura
33 Sheohar	34 Sitamarhi	35 Supaul	36 Vaishali

Chhattisgarh

1 Bastar	2 Bilaspur	3 Dantewada	4 Dhamtari
5 Jashpur	6 Kanker	7 Kawardha	8 Korba
9 Koriya	10 Mahasamund	11 Raigarh	12 Rajnandgaon
13 Sarguja			

Gujarat

1 Banaskantha 5 Panch Mahals	2 6 Dangs Sabarkantha	3 Dahod	4 Narmada

Haryana

1 Mohindergarh	2 Sirsa

Himachal Pradesh

1 Chamba	2 Sirmaur

Jammu and Kashmir

1 Doda	2 Kupwara	3 Poonch

Jharkhand

1 Bokaro	2 Chatra	3 Deoghar	4 Dhanbad
S Dumka	6 Garhwa	7 Giridih	8 Godda
9 Gumla	10 Hazaribagh	11 Jamtara	12 Kodaima
13 Latehar	14 Lohardagga	15 Pachhim Singhbhum	16 Pakaur
17 Palamu	18 Ranchi	19 Sahibganj	20 Saraikela
21 Simdega			

Karnataka

1 Bidar S	2 Chitradurga	3 Davangcre	4 Gulbarga
Raichur			

Kerala

1 Palakkad	2 Wynad

Madhya Pradesh

1 Balaghat	2 Barwani	3 Betul	4 Chhatarpur
S Damoh	6 Dhar	7 Dindori	8 Guna
9 Jhabua	10 Katni	11 Khandwa	12 Mandla
13 Panna	14 Rajgarh	15 Rewa	16 Satna
17 Seoni	18 Shahdol	19 Sheopur	20 Shivpuri
21 Siddhi	22 Tikamgarh	23 Umaria	24 West Nimar

Maharashtra

1 Ahmednagar 5	2 Amravati 6	3 Aurangabad 7	4 8 Bhandara
Chandrapur 9	Dhule 10	Gadchiroli 11	12 Gondia
Hingoli	Nanded	Nandurbar	Yavatmal

Manipur

1 Chandel	2 Churchandrapur	3 Tamenlong

Meghalaya

1 Ri Bhoi	2 South Garo Hills	3 West Garo Hills

Mizoram

1 Lawngtlai	2 Siaha

Nasaland

1 Mon	2 Tuensang	3 Workha

Orissa

1 Bolangir	2 Boudh	3 Debagarh	4 Dhenkanal
5 Gajapati	6 Ganjam	7 Jharsuguda	8 Kalahandi
9 Keonjhar	10 Koraput	11 Malkangiri	12 Mayurbhanj
14 Nabrangpur	14 Nuapada	15 Phuibani	16 Rayagada
17 Sambalpur	18 Sonapur	19 Sundargarh	

Punjab

1 Hoshiarpur

Rajasthan

1 Banswara	2 Banner	3 Chittaurgarh	4 Dungarpur
5 Jaisalmer	6 Jalor	7 Jhalawar	8 Karoli
9 Sawai Madhopur	10 Sirohi	11 Tonk	12 Udaipur

Sikkim

1 Sikkim North

Tamil Nadu

1 Cuddalore 5 Tinivannamalai	2 6 Dindigul Villupuram	3 Nagapattinam	4 Sivagangai

Tripura

1 Dhalai

Uttar Pradesh

1 Ambedkar Nagar	2 Azamgarh	3 Bahraich	4 Balrampur
5 Banda	6 Barabanki	7 Basti	8 Budaun
9 Chandauli	10 Chitrakoot	11 Etah	12 Farrukhabad
13 Fatehpur	14 Gonda	15 Gorakhpur	16 Hamirpur
17 Hardoi	18 Jalaun	19 Jaunpur	20 Kaushambi
21 Kushinagar	22 Lakhimpur Kheri	23 Lalitpur	24 Maharajganj
25 Mahoba	26 Mirzapur	27 Pratapgarh	28 Raebareli
29 SantKabir Nagar	30 Shravasti	31 Sidharthanagar	32 Sitapur
33 Sonebhadra	34 Unnao		

Uttaranchal

1 Chamoli	2 Champawat	3 Tehri Garhwal

West Bengal

1 Bankura	2 Birbhum	3 Dakshin Dinajpur	4 Jalpaiguri
5 Malda	6 Midnapur East	7 Midnapur West	8 Murshidabad
9 Purulia	10 South 24 Parganas	11 Uttar Dinajpur	

Statement • II

Details of releases made under RSVY and BRGF Programme during 2004-05 *to* 2006-07 *and till date*

A. Backward Districts Initiative-Release of Funds to RSVY districts as on 04-12-2007

SI. No.	State/Districts	Total amount to be released	Amount released in 2003-04	Amount released in 2004-05	Amount released in 2005-06	Amount released in 2006-07	Amount released in 2007-08	Total Amount released
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh (10)							
	Adilabad	45.00	12.50	2.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	37.50
	Chittoor	45,00	5.00	250		15.00	7.50	30.00
	Karimnagar	45.00	5.00	10.00	7.50	7.50	15.00	45.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Khammam	45.00	5.00	10.00		7.50	7.50	30.00
	Mahboobnagar	45.00		7.50		7.50	7.50	22.50
	Medak	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	15.00	37.50
	Nalgonda	45.00		7.50		7.50	7.50	22.50
	Nizamabad	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
	Vijainagaram	45.00		7.50		7.50	7.50	22.50
	Warangal	45.00	12.50	10.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	45.00
	TOTAL:	450.00	40.00	72.50	37.50	82.50	90.00	322.50
2	Arunachal Pradesh (1)							
	Upper Subansiri	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	0.00	22.50
3	Assam (5)							
	Dheemaji	45.00		7.50		7.50	0.00	15.00
	Karbi-Anglong	45.00		7.50		7.50	15.00	30.00
	Kokrajhar	45.00	5.00	2.50		15.00	15.00	37.50
	N.C. Hills	45.00		7.50		15.00		22.50
	North Lakhimpur	45.00	5.00	2.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
	TOTAL:	225.00	10.00	27.50	7.50	52.50	37.50	135.00
4	Bihar(21)							
	Araria	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	0.00	22.50
	Aurangabad	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.0		22.50
	Bhojpur	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
	Darbhanga	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00		30.00
	Gaya	45.00		7.50	7:50	7.50		22.50
	Jamui	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
	Jehanabad	45.00		7.50		7.50	7.50	22.50
	Kaimur	45.00		7.50	7,50	15.00		30.00
	Katihar	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00		30.00
	Lakhisarai	45.00		7.50		15.00		22.50
	Madhubani	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
	Muzaffarpur	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
	Nalanda	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50		22.50
	Nawadah	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00		30.00
	Patna	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00	7.50	37.50
	Purnea	45.00		7.50		15.00	7.50	30.00
	Rohtash	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00		30.00
	Samastipur	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50		22.50
	Sheohar	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50		22.50
	Supaul	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00		30.00
	Vaishali	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00	7.50	37.50
	TOTAL:	945.00	0.00	157.50	135.00	232.50	60.00	585.00
S	Chhattisgarh (8)							
	Bastar	45.00	15.00	7.50	7.50	15.00	0.00	45.00
	Bilaspur	45.00		7.50	15.00	15.00	7.50	45.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Dantewada	45.00	15.00	7.50	7.50	15.00		45.00
	Jaspur	.,45.00		7.50	15.00	15.00	7.50	45.00
	Kanker	45.00		7.50	15.00	22.50		45.00
	Kawardha/Kabirdham	45.00	5.00	2.50	15.00	15.00	7.50	45.00
	Rajnandgaon	45.00	5.00	10.00		15.00	15.00	45.00
	Sarguja	45.00		7.50	15.00	15.00	7.50	45.00
	TOTAL:	360.00	40.00	57.50	90.00	127.50	45.00	360.00
6	Gujarat (3)							
	Dahod	45.00	5.00	2.50	7.50	15.00	0.00	30.00
	£>angs	45.00	12.50	10.00	7.50	15.00		45.00
	Panchmahals	45.00		7.50		7.50	7.50	22.50
	TOTAL;	135.00	17.50	20.00	15.00	37.50	7.50	97.50
7	Haryana (1)							
	Sirsa	45.00	0.00	7.50	15.00	22.50	0.00	45.00
8	Himachal Pradesh (2)							
	Chamba	45.00	5.00	10.00	7.50	15.00	7.50	45.00
	Sinnaur	45.00		15.00	7.50	15.00	7.50	45.00
	TOTAL:	90.00	5.00	25.00	15.00	30.00	15.00	90.00
9	Jammu & Kashmir (3)							
	Doda	45.00	5.00	10.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	37.50
	Kupwara	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
	Poonch	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50		22.50
	TOTAL:	135.00	5.00	25.00	22.50	22.50	15.00	90.00
10	JharldiaDd (16)							
	Bokaro	45.00	5.00	2.50	7.50	15.00	7.50	37.50
	Chatra	45.00		7.50	15.00	15.00	7.50	45.00
	Dhanbad	45.00		7.50	7.50	22.50	7.50	45.00
	Garhwa	45.00		7.50	7.50	22.50	7.50	45.00
	Giridih	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00		30.00
	Godda	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00	7.50	37.50
	Gumla	45.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	22.50		45.00
	Hazaribagh	45.00		7.50	7.50	22.50	7.50	45.00
	Koderma	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00	7.50	37.50
	Latehar	45.00	5.00	10;00	15.00	15.00		45.00
	Lohardagga	45.00	7.50	7.50	15.00	15.00		45.00
	Palamu	45.00	5.00	2.50	15.00	22.50		45.00
	Ranchi	45.00		7.50	15.00	15.00	7.50	45.00
	Saraikela	45.00		7.50	7.50	30.00		45.00
	Simdega	45.00	7.50	15.00		22.50		45.00
	West Singhbhum	45.00		7.50		30.00	7.50	45.00
	TOTAL:	720.00	37.50	120.00	142.50	315.00	67.50	662.50
1	Karnataka (4)							
	Bidar	45.00	5.00	2.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
	Chtradurg	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00

1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Davengere	45.00		7.50		15.00	7.50	30.00
Gulbarga	45.00	7.50	7.50		7.50	7.50	30 00
TOTAL:	180.00	12.50	25.00	15.00	37.50	30.00	120.00
12 Kerala (2)							
Pallakad	45.00	15.00	7.50	„ 15.00	7.50	0.00	45.00
Wayanad	45.00	5.00	10.00		7.50		22.50
TOTAL;	90.00	22.00	17.50	15.00	15.00	0.00	67.50
13 Madhya Pradesh (10)							
Balaghat	45.00		15.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	45.00
Barwani	45.00	7.50	15.00	15.00	7.50		45.00
Dindori	45.00		7.50	15.00	22.50		45.00
Khargone	45.00	7.50	15.00	15.00	7.50		45.00
Mandla	45.00	7.50	7.50	15.00	15.00		45.00
Satna	45.00		15.00	15.00	15.00		45.00
Seoni	45.00		15.00	15.00	15.00		45.00
Shahadol	45.00		22.50	15.00	7.50		45.00
Sidhi	45.00		15.00	15.00	15.00		45.00
Umaria	45.00		15.00	15.00	15.00		45.00
TOTAL:	450.00	22.50	142.50	150.00	135.00	0.00	450.00
14 Maharashtra (9)							
Ahmednagar	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
Bhandara	45.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50		30.00
Chandrapur	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
Dhule	45.00		7.50		15.00		22.50
Gadchiroli	45.00	7.50	7.50		15.00	7.50	37.50
Gondia	45.00		7.50	15.00	7.50	7.50	37.50
Hingoli	45.00		7.50	7,50	7.50	7.50	30.00
Nanded	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00	7.50	37.50
Nandurbar	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50		22.50
TOTAL:	405.00	15.00	67.50	60.00	90.00	45.00	277.50
IS Manipur (1)							
Tamenglong	45.00	7.50	7.50	15.00	15.00	0.00	45.00
16 Meghalaya (1)							
West Garo Hills	45.00		7.50		15.00	7.50	30.00
17 Mizoram (1)							
Lawngtiai	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00	15.00	45.00
18 Nagaland (1)							
Men	45.00		15,00	7.50	22.50	0.00	45.00
19 Orissa (5)							
Gajpati	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	15.00	37.50
Ganjam	45.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	7.50		37.50
Keonjhar	45.00		7.50	7,50	7.50	7.50	30.00
Mayurbhanj	45.00	5.00	10.00	7.50	15.00	7.50	45.00
Sundargarh	45.00		7.50	7.50	750	7.50	30.00
TOTAL:	225.00	10.00	42.50	45.00	45.00	37.50	180.00

1 2	3	4	5	6	7	$	9
20 Punjab (1)							
Hoshiarpur	45		7.S0	7:50	*15*	7.50	37,50
21 Rajasthan (3)							
Banswara	45.00 ,	15 00	15.00	15.00			45.00
Dungarpur	.45.00	15 00	15.00	15.00			45.00
Jhalawar	45 00	5.00	17.50	7.50	15.00		45,00
TOTAL:	135.00	35.00	47.50	' ' 37.50	15.00	0.00	135,00
22 Sikkim (1)	45.00		7.50	7.50	22.50	7.50	45,00
23 Tamil Nadu *(5)*							
Tiruvannamalai	45.00	15.00	15.00	15.00		0.00	45,00
Dindigul	45.00	5.00	17.50	15.00	7.50	0.00	45.00
Cuddalore	45.00		15.00	15.00	7.50	0.00	3750
Naggapattinam	45.00		15.00	I5.00'	7.50	7.50	45.00
Sivganga	45.00		15.00	15.00	7.50	0.00	37.50.
TOTAL	225.00	20.00	77.50	75.00	30.00	750	210,00
24 Tripura (1)							
Dhalai	*45.00*	7.50	7.50	7.50	15.00	000	37.50
25 Uttaranchal (3)							
Chamoli	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00	0.00	30.00
Champawat	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7,50	30.00
Tehri Garhwal	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00		30.00
TOTAL:	135.00	0.00	22.50	22.50	37.50	7.50	90,00
26 Uttar Pradesh (21)							
Azamgarh	45.00		750	7.50	15.00	7.50	37.50
Banda	4500	500	1000	7.50	15.00	750	45.00
Barabanki	45.00	5.00	10.00	750	7.50	15.00	45.00
Chandauli	4500		7.50	7.50	22.50	7.50	45.00
Chitrakoot	45.00	500	1000	7.50	7.50	7.50	3750
Fatehpur	4500	500	10.00	15.00	1500		45.00
Gorakhpur	45.00		7.50	7.50	15 00		30.00
Hamirpur	45.00		7.50	7.50	22.50		37.50
Hardoi	45.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	15.00	7.50	4500
Jalaun	4500		7.50	15.00	750	7.50	37.50
Jaunpur	45.00		7.50	7.50	15.00		30.00
Kaushambi	45.00		7.50	15.00	15.00	7.50	45.00
	45.00		7.50	7.50	750	7.50	30.00
Lalitpur	45.00		7.50	15.00	7.50	15.00	45.00
Mahoba	45.00		750	7.50	22.50"	7.50	45.00
Mirzapur ' '	45.00	5.00	10.00	7.50	15.00	7.50	45,00
Pratapgarh	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	15.00	37.50
Raebareli	45.00	750	7.50	7.50	22.50		45.00
Sitapur	4500	750	7.50	15 00	15.00		45.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Sonbhadra	45.00	7.50	7.50	15.00	15.00		45.00
	Unnao	45.00	7.50		7.50	15.00	7.50	37.50
	TOTAL:	945.00	62.50	162.50	202.50	300.00	127.50	855.00
27	West Bengal (8)							
	24 South Paraganas	45.00	5.00	10.00		7.50	0.00	22.50
	Bankura	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
	Birbhum	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
	Jalpaiguri	45.00	12.50	2.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	37.50
	Midnapur West	45.00	5.00	10.00		7.50		22.50
	North Dinajpur	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	15.00	37.50
	Purulia	45.00	12.50	2.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	37.50
	SouthDinajpur	45.00		7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	30.00
	TOTAL;	360.00	35.00	55.00	45.00	60.00	52.50	247.50
28	NABARD	9.30		1.08	3.24	3.30	0.00	7.62
	TOTAL:	6624.30	402.50	1241.08	1210.74	1818.30	682.50	5355.12

Total Entitlement 6624.3

Total Releases

5355.12

Balance to be Released 1269.18

B. Release of CapacityBuilding Fuad under BRGF in 2006-07 and 2007-08

(Rs. in crore)

SI. No.	States	No.of Districts	Total entitlement per year	Amount released in 2006-07	Amount released in 2007-08
1	Andhra Pradesh	13	13	13	
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	1	0.05	
3	Assam	11	11	9.122	
4	Bihar	36	36	14.458756	
5	Chhattisgarh	13	13	9.1	
6	Himachal Pradesh	2	2		2
7	Karnataka	5	5		5
8	Kerala	2	2		2
9	Madhya Pradesh	24	24	14.9597	
10	Maharashtra	12	12	6.19	
11	Rajasthan	12	12	7.78707	
12	Sikkim	1	1	0.9492	
13	Uttar Pradesh	34	34		25.3
14	West Bengal	11	11	10.05	
	TOTAL:			86.566726	34.30

***C.* Development Grant**

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State/District	Amount released in 2006-07	Amount released in 2007-08
1	2	3	4
	Assam		
1	Barpeta	—	7.5
2	Cachar	—	10
3	Hallakandi	—	10
4	Morigaon	—	7.5
	Chhattisgarh		
1	Dhamtari	—	1
2	Korba	—	5
3	Koriya	—	5
4	Mahasammund	—	5
5	Raigarh	—	5
	Karnataka		
1	Raichur	—	7.5
	Kerala		
1	Pallakad	—	9.25
	Madhya Pradesh		
1	Balaghat		16.54
2	Barwani		13.14
3	Betul		17.93
4	Chhattarpur		13.91
5	Damoh		15.63
6	Dhar		
7	Dindori		14.58
8	Guna/Ashoknagar		15.21
9	Jhabua		16.91
10	Katni	2.0450997	13.56
11	Khandwa/Burhanpur		17.01
12	Khargone		16.93
13	Mandla		11.14
14	Panna		15 05
15	Rajgarh		15.28

1	2	3	4
16	Rewa	1	17.03
17	Satna	1	15.75
18	Seoni		17.11
19	Shahdol/Annuppur		15.56
20	Sheopur	1	14.19
21	Shivpuri	1	
22	Sidhi		16.24
23	Tikamgarh	1	14.01
24	Umariya		7.5
	Orissa		
1	Boudh		1
2	Debagarh		5
3	Dhenkanal		5
4	Jharsuguda		5'
5	Kandhamal (Phuibani)		5
6	Naupada		7.5
7	Sambalpur		7.5
8	Sonepur		1
	Rajasthan		
1	Banswada		7.5
2	Barmer		5
3	Chittorgarh		5
4	Dungarpur		7.5
5	Jaisalmer		7.5
6	Jalore		7.5
7	Karauli		7.5
8	Sawai Madhopur		7.5
9	Sirohi		5
10	Tonk		7.5
11	Udaipur		7.5
	West Bengal		
1	Malda		10
2	Murshidabad		10
3	Purba Meainipur		10
	TOTAL ;	20.0451	544.66

Advance of Ten lakh to each district for preparation of district plans	25.00
Total Development Grant component	569.66

Total Releases in 2007-08 till date (Rupees in crore)

RSVY	682.50
Capacity Building	34.30
Development Grant	569.66
TOTAL:	1286.46

Panchayati Raj in Jharkhand

1868. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which his Ministry is not taking sufficient interest to settle Panchayati Raj issue of Jharkhand in the Supreme Court; and

(b) whether Government realizes that Jharkhand villages are suffering because of non-elected Panchayat office bearers, who could have overseen the implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and other development projects?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been pursuing the matter actively with the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for an early hearing of the SLP against the order dated 2.9.2005 of the Jharkhand High Court which quashed certain provisions of the PESA Act, 1996. The interim application moved by the Ministry for an early hearing of the case was heard in the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India's Court on 23rd July, 2007. The Hon'ble Court was pleased to pass, the direction that the case would come up for regular hearing from the 3rd week of August 2007. As a firm date for hearing the case was not fixed, another special mention was made before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by the Ministry on 2.11.2007 for an early hearing of the case. As a result of this, the case is likely to come up for regular hearing early in 2008. These efforts are intended to pave the way for early elections to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the State of Jharkhand. This Minisry is taking vigorous steps to pursue and resolve the Panchayati Raj issue in Jharkhand through an early hearing in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

(b) The Minisry of Panchayati Raj has released funds to the State of Jharkhand under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana during 2006-07 and 2007-08 which are; more than the funds released during the previous years. The Ministry has also rec^uested the State Government to fiilfill certain conditions to be eligible for the release of BRGF funds to the 13 districts of the State which have been identified for the purpose. The State of Jharkhand has reported that alternative mechanism has been put in place by the State Government for the implementation of NREGA and other develpment projects